

Eluvium

EARLY MOUNTAIN

2021

WINE DESCRIPTION

The 2021 Eluvium is a testament to both power and refined nuance. The aroma is richer than previous vintages, with a dense bouquet of black stone fruits and spice enhanced by notes of dark berries, leather, dried herbs, and violets. Adding dried fennel, cranberry, and a distinctive desiccated citrus brightens its savory profile. On the palate, it offers moderate plus weight, balanced by lively acidity and extended tannins, showcasing artful craftsmanship and the essence of the vineyard in every bottle.

WINEMAKER NOTE

Eluvium represents power but with nuance. On the surface, the Eluvium blend appears very straightforward, based on varietal. However, the exciting diversity of sites and the resulting wines make this one of the most complex blends. We complement the Merlot with Petit Verdot, and while Petit Verdot can often present as big and monolithic, our approach highlights its inherent aromatic characteristics. We primarily source our Petit Verdot from mountainside sites (much like the Merlot) and pick not just based on high alcohol potential but rather the overall flavor profile and balance. Petit Verdot can bring such ethereal and floral attributes in addition to its brooding, dense fruit. We utilize whole cluster inclusion during fermentation to highlight the range of aromas in both Merlot and Petit Verdot.

WINEMAKER

Maya Hood White

IN THE VINEYARD

Quaker Run Merlot has been the star of Eluvium, grown on the East Block on the slope (shamelessly, Maya's favorite block!) From some of our oldest vines, this Merlot contributes the most unique and exciting aromatic density, with notable textural presence and persistence of fine-grain tannin. Beginning in 2019, we gained access to an additional mountainside vineyard, Russ Mountain, which brings a diversity of Merlot and a distinctive depth and heft. Considering the added power, depth, and flavor density, the Merlot shines through in this blend and has been able to expand on our approach to blending Eluvium.

COMPOSITION

78% Merlot
22% Petit Verdot



VINEYARD

Quaker Run Vineyard
Russ Mountain
Capstone Vineyard
Shenandoah Springs

AGING

Aged 18 months in French
barrique, 40% new.

CELLARING

Aeration recommended.
Should develop and drink
well for 10 or more years
if properly cellared.

TECHNICAL

Cases produced: 800
Bottled: 13 March, 2023
Yeast: Ambient
Alcohol: 14.3%

pH: 3.71
TA: 5.4 g/L
RS: 0.26 g/L